a rehabilitation package has to be finalised and implemented. Viable units under nursing are closely monitored.

Royalty paid to Suzuki by Maruti Udyog Limited

3177. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th August, 1994, captioned MUL to sort out royalty issue soon for making payment of Royalty to Suzuki of Japan for Maruti 800 and Omni which had lapsed in November, 1992 while that of the Gypsy had lapsed last December;

(b) whether the members of the Board of the Maruti Udyog Ltd. have agreed to this payment and clearance has been given by the Secretariat of Industrial Approvals (SIA) and if so, when;

(c) what were the reasons for stopping such payment earlier and justification now for starting the payment of Royalty by MUL to Suzuki knowingly that this will lead to a substantial out flow of cash; and

(d) whether Government of India's policy allows companies to pay their partners a royalty for the technology they bring in and if so, the details of such companies that are paying and also of those companies not paying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding payment of royalty to Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC), Japan for Maruti 800, Omni and Gypsy is presently under consideration of the Board of Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL).

(c) Royalty payments for these three models had ceased as a consequence of the expiry of the licence agreement signed between Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) and Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC).

(d) The policy of the Government allows payment of royalty for technology transfer under foreign technology agreements.

Purchase Preference Policy

3178. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Purchase Preference Policy vide Government O.M.No. DPE/ 13(19)/91-Fin. dated 13th January, 1992 is extended to public enterprises in competition with private enterprises;

(b) if not, whether the Purchase Preference Policy can be extended to a particular public enterprise against another public enterprise on selective basis; and

(c) under what Government direction/O.M./ guideline, the same is being done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Purchase Preference Policy of Government announced vide O.M.No. DPE/13(19)/91-Fin. dated 13.01-92 allows Purchase Preference to Central Government Enterprises while dealing with other Central Government enterprises and with the Central Government. The O.M. was issued with due approval of Government.

Meeting of Chief Executives of PSUs

3179. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Commerce, Labour and other Union Ministers had addressed the meeting of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings in New Delhi on 30th July, 1994 and impressed upon the Chief Executives to carry on the motto of preserving public sectors for proper development of the country;